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Serial No.: 09/477,042 : Examiner: Demicco, M.R.

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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In response to the Final Rejection dated June 18, 2003 in the above-referenced patent application, the Applicants traverse all rejections and submit the following argument in support thereof.

ARGUMENT

In \P 6 of the Final Rejection, claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8, 19-21, and 23-28 stand rejected as being unpatentable over the Levy patent in view of the Ramshaw patent. The Applicants traverse this ground of rejection for the following reasons.

In support of this rejection, the Examiner cites Levy as disclosing a direct link at the remote site between the portable computer and a medical apparatus. The Examiner then asserts that "This direct connection between the computer and the scanning device reads on [emphasis added] the claimed provision of software on medical diagnostic scanning systems as it is well